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REMARKS

Applicants' representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview on November 19, 2004. The telephone interview covered a proposed amendment to claim 1.

In the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, the Examiner closed the prosecution on the merits in accordance with the practice of Ex parte Quayle. Claims 1-12 have been allowed. Certain formal matters were identified for appropriate correction. These matters have been addressed in the amendatory sections above. The scope of the claims has been retained and no new matter has been added. Therefore, it is believed that the application can be passed to issue.

Amendments to the Abstract

Pursuant to the Examiner's suggested changes, the Abstract has been amended to be a single paragraph. In addition, language suggestive of traditional claim language has been deleted from the Abstract. Support for the changes to the Abstract is found, for example, in the Summary of the Invention on page 5 of the specification.

The amendments to the Abstract are believed to be proper, warranted, and fully supported by the original specification. As a result, the grounds for the formal objection to the Abstract are believed to be obviated.

Amendments to the Specification

Pursuant to the Examiner's suggested changes, the Specification has been amended at pages 6, 7, 8, and 14 to correct typographical errors therein. The Specification has been brought into conformance with the reference numerals in the original drawings. Support for the changes to the Specification is found in the Drawings at Figs. 3 and 8.

The amendments to the Specification are believed to be proper, warranted, and fully supported by the original drawings. As a result, the grounds for the formal objection to the Specification are believed to be obviated.

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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 have been amended to correct formal errors therein. Claim 1 has been written as an apparatus claim. Support for this amendment is found at pages 8 and 9 of the original specification, for example. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggested changes, claims 2-5 have been amended to call for the "wireless local area network station" defined in the base claim. Typographical errors were corrected in the amendments to claims 8-11 by inserting semi-colons at paragraph endings.

The amendments to the claims are believed to be proper, warranted, and fully supported by the original specification. As a result, the grounds for the formal objection to the claims are believed to be obviated.

Conclusion

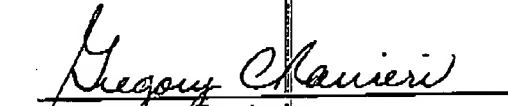
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

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If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Gregory C. Ranieri, Esq. at (732) 383-1394 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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